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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TAROM REQUEST FOR EXTRA SECTION FLIGHT

- 1. ROMANIAN EMBASSY DELIVERED NOTE DATED JULY 25 REQUESTING US AUTHORITIES' APPROVAL "... FOR OVER FLIGHT AND LANDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL TAROM FLIGHT." FLIGHT NUMBER RO 301 A/302 A WILL LEAVE BUCHAREST AUGUST 6, 23:55 GMT, ARRIVE NY AUGUST 7 10:00 GMT, LEAVE NY AUGUST 8 10:00 GMT AND ARRIVE BUCHAREST 20:00 GMT.
- 2. ROMANIAN EMBASSY REFERRED TO ARTICLE (SIC) 3, PARAGRAPH "H" OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IN REQUESTING APPROVAL. MOU IS AD REFERENDUM DOCUMENT WHICH HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY EITHER GOVERNMENT. FURTHER, SUBPARAGRAPH 3 (H) PROVIDES FOR 15 DAY PRIOR NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE WHICH GOR DID NOT FULFILL BY ITS NOTE OF JULY 25. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. DEPT. IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING ROMANIAN REQUEST. IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS, PAN AMERICAN EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER TAROM/GOR BEHAVIOR. SPECIFICALLY, PAN AM ALLEGES THAT TAROM IS SHORT CHANGING PAN AM BY BOOKING 50 PERCENT OF ROMANIAN ORIGIN PASSENGERS ON PAN AM, AS MOU WOULD REQUIRE, BUT ONLY FROM LONDON TO US WHILE BUCHAREST-

LONDON SEGMENT IS CARRIED BY TAROM OR POOL PARTNER. ALSO, OTOPENI AIRPORT COMMANDER ADVISED PAN AM REP IN MAY THAT PAN AM MAINTENANCE VEHICLE MAY NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE AIRPORT RAMP AREA. ACCESS QUESTION WAS SPECIFICALLY DISCUSSED DURING APRIL TALKS AND US DEL RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT THIS MATTER WOULD BE RESOLVED.

- 4. WE BELIEVE THAT PRESENT TAROM REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO OPERATE EXTRA SECTION FLIGHT WOULD BE OPPORTUNE TIME FOR EMBASSY TO INQUIRE PURPOSE OF THIS FLIGHT AND NOTE ANOMOLY OF REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION UNDER PROVISIONS OF MOU WHICH HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY EITHER PARTY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, EMBASSY SHOULD CITE ABOVE EXAMPLES OF TAROM/GOR BEHAVIOR WHICH VIOLATE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE MOU OF APRIL 26, 1978, AND STATE THAT EMBASSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO BRING ABOVE MATTERS TO GOR'S ATTENTION AND REPORT RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS. USG WILL CONSIDER EMBASSY REPORT OF DISCUSSIONS IN ITS REVIEW OF TAROM REQUEST.
- 5. EMBASSY MIGHT ALSO DETERMINE WHEN GOR INTENDS TO EXCHANGE NOTES RATIFYING MOU. VANCE

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